

THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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TRINITY BRANCH, CHICAGO.—The silence of the Chicago branches of St. Barnabas Guild has not been due to premature decay, but to many changes that have made it difficult for us to maintain all of our interests unimpaired. Many of our members have left the city entirely, some expecting to return in a few months, others remaining only in nominal association with us, while sickness has been wofully present within our ranks. The year has brought marriage to five of our members, and the consequent removal of two of our brides to far-distant homes. Three more will leave us by the same rosy path during the summer. So our ranks have been somewhat depleted, and new homes and duties have made it difficult for them to give as much of their time and strength to the guild as formerly. None of them have resigned, however, and if the council at its annual meeting next fall amends the constitution so as to allow of the admission of the gentlemen, as proposed at the last council, we look for an increase of enthusiasm and attendance. The birth of a little daughter to our beloved secretary, Mrs. Anna Lee Doggett, last March made the election of an assistant secretary necessary, and the guild is to be congratulated upon its good fortune in the selection of Mrs. Saltinstall-Taylor, who has most efficiently performed the duties of the position. Our meetings have been held regularly on the first Monday evening of each month at Trinity Parish-House, with one exception, when we were most hospitably entertained at the Woman's Hospital. While the attendance has not been as large as in previous years, the fraternal sociability of the members has been most marked and cordial. A programme of some kind has always been presented, followed by light refreshments and social intercourse. In December, just before Christmas, we held a handkerchief sale to recoup the treasury for the delegates' expenses to the council in Hartford last fall. This expense we have never charged to the general treasury, but raised as a special fund. The sale was held at Mrs. Doggett's residence and was most enjoyable and successful, netting about sixty-eight dollars. In February a charming reception was given the guild by Mrs. Loring at her beautiful residence. Music, recitations, and the geniality of our hostess assured a pleasant evening to all who attended. The usual charitable work of the guild has been a little more limited than usual, owing to sickness and absence of members. Before we can accomplish as much in this line as we have done in the past, we must find some means of arousing and reawakening the interest of our own members. Any suggestions along this line are being eagerly canvassed and will be most heartily welcome. Our sick benefit fund is still growing and accumulating interest. We hope to make arrangements at the June meeting that will permit of loans being made from it to the members during illness, to be repaid with low interest when they are again at work. Many efforts have been made to meet monthly with the Grace Branch of the

guild, and though many of its members meet with us, it has not yet become as general as we hope it will be. As there is no secretary in the Grace Branch it has been hard to communicate with all of their members. A cordial invitation from Epiphany Branch to meet with them in April was unfortunately received too late to allow of many of the members responding, though those who did attend enjoyed a most pleasant evening. At the May meeting an organ recital was given the guild by the rector of Trinity Church, Rev. Mr. Phillips, which was most thoroughly enjoyed. The year has brought us many changes. One member is in New Zealand, another is spending the winter most enjoyably on the Mediterranean, two are in Alaska, one in Whatcom, Wash., and three have been transferred to the California Branch. But despite the decimation of our ranks by marriage, sickness, and the inevitable separation which distance brings, we still remain a band of hopeful, earnest Christian women, meeting monthly for help, cheer, and good comradeship, and hoping most earnestly that the coming year will see a return of our old enthusiasm and loving help among our members. But, oh! girls, it takes so much of one's time and thought to get married, please wait a few months until we have recovered from this last epidemic of it.

ORANGE, N. J.—The annual meeting of the guild was held on St. Barnabas Day, June 11, at Grace Church, Orange, and was well attended both by active and associate members. It was again our privilege to have with us our chaplain-general, Bishop Whitehead, and his helpful and encouraging words will long be remembered by us. The service commenced at nine-thirty A.M. and was conducted by our chaplain, Rev. Dr. Alex Mann, and the address given by the bishop, who bade us remember that we were not servants, but friends and fellow-workers with our Lord, and although at times our strength and will failed and our work seemed too hard to be continued, that every kind word and action would have its reward, and would not be forgotten if done in His name. The celebration of the Holy Communion followed, the bishop being the celebrant. At the close of the service we all adjourned to the Memorial Parish-House for the business meeting, which was largely attended. All the officers were re-elected and delegates chosen for the next council meeting: Miss Martha Clarke, active member; alternate, Miss Cora Swan; Mrs. Ingram, associate delegate; Miss Pigott, alternate. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were very encouraging, showing that much good work had been accomplished by the branch during the past year, and a greater interest taken than ever before. The Committee on Fresh Air Work asked for names of nurses wishing to volunteer their services during the summer months for the work at Bradley Beach. Names may be sent to Mrs. Blagbro and Miss Helen d'Arcy Stephen. We trust that many can give at least one week to this worthy object, and that the work this summer may prove even more successful than that of the last. A meeting of the Sick-Relief Fund was held at the close of the business meeting, and it was with great regret that we were called upon to elect a new secretary, our former secretary, Mrs. Baylis, having left Orange for a time. We shall always retain a grateful remembrance of her kind and faithful services. Our treasurer, Mrs. William Brewer, who has kindly filled that position for the past few months, was formally elected to that office. In the afternoon a reception was given by our secretary, Mrs. William Reade Howe, at her beautiful residence in Llewellyn Park, and all guild members were invited to meet Bishop and Mrs.

Whithead and Bishop and Mrs. Lines. The perfect weather made it an ideal day for a lawn party, and about one hundred members enjoyed the lavish hospitality of our kind host and hostess.

EPIPHANY BRANCH, CHICAGO.—Under the efficient guidance of our chaplain, the Rev. John Henry Hopkins, our president, Mrs. Adolphus, and our secretary, Mrs. MacLeod, the Epiphany Branch of the St. Barnabas Guild has spent a very pleasant and profitable year. The meetings were held the third Tuesday of each month in our Guild-room. Our branch now has twelve active members and ten associate members, making a total membership of twenty-two; of these three are priests-associate and one a medical associate. At each meeting an interesting programme and refreshments have been provided by our president, Mrs. Adolphus. Every third evening has been devoted to a social meeting. On the third Tuesday in May our chaplain, Mr. Hopkins, took us on an interesting trip through London. At the annual meeting the officers of the past year were re-elected. We are all looking forward to the work of the coming year, when we hope to more than double our membership and to extend the influence of the Guild of St. Barnabas.



THE TREATMENT OF TRACHEOTOMY WOUNDS IN DIPHTHERIA.—A. E. Jones says in the *British Journal of Children's Diseases* that "the main lines of treatment are the following: (1) The wound should be kept as aseptic as possible. It should always be covered with a double layer of aseptic gauze, which can be conveniently fastened at one corner to the sternum either by a spot of collodion or by a strip of Unna's zinc strapping. (2) The tube should be removed at as early a date as possible, more especially if any of the laryngeal cartilages be injured. One can usually take out the silver tube after twenty-four hours, and if another tube be required later on for a few hours more, a rubber one should be inserted. (3) Every effort should be made to calm and reassure the child, and in some cases the administration of bromide of potassium is of use in very excitable children. (4) The only contraindication to the use of heroic measures if the wound does not spontaneously close is a poisoned and dilated heart; when this is present, as it was in the above case, one has to be very careful and proceed at intervals."

THE VALUE OF HOT-WATER INJECTIONS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR NUTRIENT ENEMATA IN THE TREATMENT OF GASTRIC ULCER.—The *Medical Record*, quoting from a paper in the *Lancet*, has the following: "W. Pasteur says that by substituting ten-ounce enemata of plain water at 100° F. for the smaller nutrient enemata it is possible to prevent thirst altogether and to do away with the unpleasant taste in the mouth which so often follows enemata containing beef-tea. He begins with six ounces of water as stated and gradually increases to ten. Of course, this is in addition to the moderate employment of the usual substances for rectal nutrition in gastric ulcer and is intended only for the relief of the troublesome thirst."